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SUBJ: NATO NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. MISSION STRONGLY ENDORSES THE PROPOSAL FOR NPG PRINCIPALS TO VISIT A U.S. STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DETERRENT INSTALLATION, ASSUMING APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS PROVE FEASIBLE. ON MARCH 11 AMBASSADOR BRUCE RAISED INFORMALLY WITH NPG PERMREP STHE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A SIDE TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE NPG MINISTERIAL. PERMREPS' REACTIONS WERE REPORTED REF A. MISSION BELIEVES THAT IN ORDER TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER SUBSEQUENT APPROACHES TO NPG ALLIES SHOULD CONTAIN MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED SIDE TRIP, INCLUDING DATE, SOME IDEA OF THE LOCATION OF THE SITE, AND SPECIFIC PROPOSED RENDEZVOUS POINT. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTICIPATE THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WILL BE TRAVELING BY NATIONAL MILITARY ARICRAFT, AND OTHERS BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH MAIN RENDEZVOUS POINTS (E.G., SAN FRANCISCO, MOFFETT AFB, MONTEREY), FROM WHICH WE ASSUME THE

US WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL SITES AND TO THE INSTALLATION/UNIT IN QUESTION. (WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE SIDETRIP WOULD BE TO A SITE IN OR NEAR CALIFORNIA, E.G. VENDENBERG AFB), THE SOONER WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THEIR FIRM REACTIONS TO PROPOSED SIDE TRIP.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE IDEA OF ARRANGING SUCH A VISIT AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE NPG MEETING ON JUNE 17 IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, PRIMARILY BECAUSE NPG PERMREPS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN BOTH MEETINGS MUST HASTEN FROM MONTEREY TO ANNAPOLIS FOR THE SACLANT SYMPOSIUM WHICH BEGINS JUNE 18. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALTHOUGH TRADITIONALLY DELEGATIONS HAVE ARRANGED THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO TNAD FROM NPG MEETING, WE SUGGEST WASHINGTON SHOULD CONSIDER OFFERING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO PERMREP AND OTHERS ATTENDING THE SACLANT SYMPOSIUM FROM CALIFORNIA TO ANNAPOLIS ON JUNE 17. THIS COULD GREATLY FACILITATE THEIR TIMELY ARRIVAL FOR THE SYMPOSIUM.

3. IN ANY EVENT, MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARRANGEMENTS IS FEASIBLE UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO CONVEY MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS TO THE NPG ALLIES.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE.MCAULIFFE

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